

Appl. No. 09/761,447
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REMARKS

This Amendment responds to the office action dated September 16, 2005.

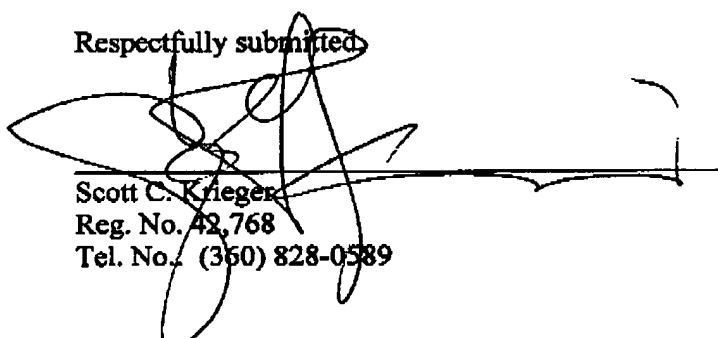
The examiner has rejected claims 20-40 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Bristow et al, U.S. Patent No. 5,841,843 ("Bristow").

Claims 20-40 are cancelled.

New claims 41-60, comprise the elements of message format conversion, determining recipient activity status and delivery options and executing alternative delivery methods based on recipient activity status. These elements were not found in the previously-submitted claims nor are they found in Bristow or other prior art of record.

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the present application.

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